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### **153rd Civil Engineers complete training in Norway**

CHEYENNE – Members of the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron recently returned from a deployment to Oslo, Norway, as part of the Air National Guard's Deployment For Training program. The 41 personnel included specialists in the structural, electrical, engineering, roads & pavements, command & control, and firefighter career fields.

While in Norway the unit was tasked with completing eight different work projects for the Norwegian Air Force. The list of work projects included expanding and preparing for an asphalt overlay on the 1.1 kilometer entry roadway to the base; installing a 25-meter concrete walkway to access the command and control facility and numerous other civil engineering construction projects.

"This deployment was, by far, one of the best training opportunities experienced by 153rd Civil Engineer personnel," said Lt. Col. Doug Nichols, squadron commander. "This unit has not previously experienced the realism and depth of training provided in Norway. These types of deployments provide the best possible exposure to challenges approximating real mobilization scenarios."

During the two-week deployment, the military members were given realistic training that included convoy tactics, work party defense, security checkpoint operations, prisoner handling,

and riot control. Also, the unit received training on NATO weapons to include assault rifles, machine guns, sub-machine guns, pistols, and sniper rifles.